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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ACTION

WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU RELEASES COMMERCIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATION (COLE) QUARTERLY STATISTICAL REPORTS AND ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2001

By this action, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau's Public Safety and Private Wireless Division releases the 2001 Quarterly COLE Statistical Reports (2001 Statistical Reports) and the 2001 Annual COLE Financial Report. On January 14, 1993, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) privatized the examination of applicants for commercial radio operator licenses, and subsequently authorized COLE managers to prepare and administer commercial radio operator license examinations that must be passed by persons in order to be eligible to obtain certain FCC licenses. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 13.209.

The COLE manager system was intended to meet the needs of applicants for frequent examination opportunities at convenient locations and of industry for examinations that reflect state of the art technology and contemporary operating conditions. Each COLE manager is authorized to administer examinations nationwide and, in some instances, at foreign sites, and is required to report to the FCC, on a quarterly basis, the results of the examinations administered.

The 2001 Statistical Reports summarize the information received from ten COLE managers. A list of the current COLE managers is attached as Appendix A. The 2001 Statistical Reports show that a total of 22,088 examinations were administered to 13,646 individuals during the calendar

year. A composite statistical profile and individual statistical profiles for each COLE manager, based on data submitted in their 2001 Statistical Reports, is attached as Appendix B.

The 2001 Annual COLE Financial Report indicates that examinations administered by COLE managers generated \$529,567.00 in revenue, with examinations prepared and administered at a cost of \$470,646.00 (to examinees), resulting in a total net profit (“distributed” among COLE managers) of \$58,921.00. A composite analysis indicating the costs incurred by COLE managers in preparing and administering the examinations, as well as the cost to examinees, is attached as Appendix C.

Questions regarding this public notice may be directed to Ms. Joy Alford, Policy and Rules Branch, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau at (202) 418-0694.

Action by the Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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Appendix A

Commercial Operator License Examination (COLE) Managers

BFT Training Unlimited

1318 Redwood Way, Suite 220, Petaluma, CA 94954 Contact: J. David Byrd

Electronic Technicians Association International, Inc.

502 N. Jackson St., Greencastle, IN 46135 Contact: Richard Glass

Elkins International, Inc.

P. O. Box 797666, Dallas, TX 75379 Contact: Laura Elkins

International Society of Certified Electronics Technicians (ISCET)

3608 Pershing Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76107-4527 Contact: Ed Clingman

LaserGrade Computer Testing, Inc.

16821 SE McGillivray, Suite 201, Vancouver, WA 98683 Contact: Linda Small

Marine Technical Institute

1915 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316 Contact: David Greenspan

The National Association of Radio Telecommunications Engineers, Inc. (NARTE)

P. O. Box 678, Medway, MA 02053 Contact: Sandy Felone

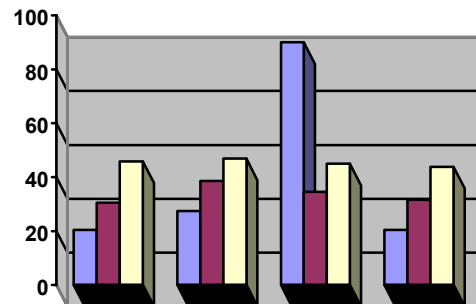
National Radio Examiners

P. O. Box 565206, Dallas, TX 75356-5206 Contact: Larry Pollock

Sea School
8440 4th Street, N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702 Contact: Mary Foster

Appendix B

Commercial Operator License Examinations



Quarterly Statistical Report Composite

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Quarterly Public Service Activity Reports

-Acronyms, Terminologies, and Explanations-

COLE: Commercial Operator License Examination

QPSAR: Quarterly Public Service Activity Report

Sessions: The number of times within a quarter exams are administered by a COLE manager.

The four statistical reporting periods for COLE managers are:

1st Quarter: January – March (The 1st QPSAR is due April 15)

2nd Quarter: April – June (The 2nd QPSAR is due July 15)

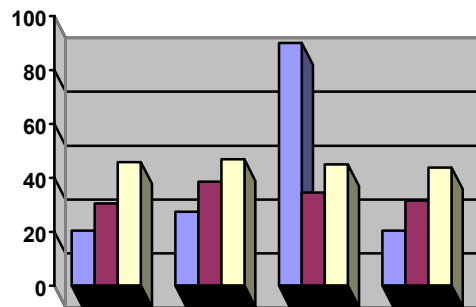
3rd Quarter: July – September (The 3rd QPSAR is due October 15)

4th Quarter: October – December (The 4th QPSAR is due January 15)

QPSARs are filed with: Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, FCC, Room 4C-330, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554

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Commercial Operator License Examinations



Annual Financial Report
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Annual Financial Report

-Acronyms, Terminologies and Explanations-

The Commercial Operator License Examinations (COLE) Annual Financial Report provides a composite analysis of the costs incurred by COLE managers in preparing and administering the examinations, as well as the cost to examinees.

The “reporting period” for the COLE Annual Financial Report is January 1 through December 31. The next Annual Financial Report is due February 15, 2003. The Annual Financial Report from each COLE manager must be submitted to the Public Safety and Private Wireless Division of the Federal Communications Commission’s Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

For purposes of this Annual Financial Report, the subheadings are defined as follows:

Revenue: The funds, per COLE manager, accumulated during the reporting period.

Expenses: The costs, per COLE manager, associated with preparing and administering the examinations reported during the reporting period.

Rev-Exp (Revenue minus expenses): generally indicates the amount of profit a COLE manager clears during the reporting period. Amounts shown in this column that appear in parenthesis indicate that the COLE manager

operated at a loss during the reporting period due to expenses exceeding revenue.

Examinees: Total number of persons examined during the reporting period.

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